

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (previously presented): A cushioning means holding member, provided in a slide switch including a slider and a case into which the slider is inserted to provide switching by a sliding operation of the slider and provided at a contacting place in the side of the slider where the slider comes in contact with the case by the sliding operation of the slider for relieving the contact, characterized in that the cushioning means holding member integrally includes cushioning means for cushioning in at least one of a horizontal direction in which the slider is slide and a vertical direction in which an upward-downward movement of the slider is limited.
2. (previously presented): The cushioning means holding member as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the cushioning means is provided at the contacting place in the side of the slider and is a leaf spring protruding in a shape of a mark of "<" in a horizontal direction.
3. (previously presented): The cushioning means holding member as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the cushioning means is provided at the contacting place in the side of the slider and is a leaf spring curved in a semicircle in the vertical direction.
4. (previously presented): The cushioning means holding member as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the cushioning means is a springy member, formed of a material having an elastic characteristic.

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5. (currently amended): A slide switch characterized in that the cushioning means holding member as claimed in ~~claim 1-any one of claims 1 to 4~~ is provided.
6. (previously presented): The slide switch as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the case has case inner faces in which the slider slides, the case inner faces face with each other along the horizontal direction, one of the case inner faces has a positioning part for positioning the slider at three positions, and the other of the case inner faces has a positioning part for positioning the slider at two positions.
7. (previously presented): The slide switch as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the slider includes a protruding part protruding from a lower face of a slider body and the protruding part is pressed by an elastic member to support the slider on a substrate to make the slider slidable.